

**APPROVED BY**  
*Erin Shaughnessy*



**Lakewood Animal Safety & Welfare Advisory Board**

October 16, 2019 Meeting

Location: Lakewood City Hall

**Present:** Board Members: Erin Shaughnessy, Nancy McDonnell, Emily Christescu, Emily Petro, Nancy Binder, Phyllis Dykes, ACO Elaine Hearn

**Not present:** Cassie Gaffney, Juleen Russell, Councilperson Rader

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**Minutes Wednesday October 16, 2019**

- I. Welcome and roll call conducted by Board Chair Shaughnessy. 6 voting members present.
- II. Welcome ACO / Shelter Supervisor Elaine Hearn
- III. Approval of September Meeting Minutes - Board
  - a. Unanimous verbal vote in favor of motion to waive formal reading of the minutes. No discussion on minutes as presented. Motion passes to approve the minutes.
- IV. Lakewood Animal Control Report (ACO Hearn)
  - a. ACO reports a late kitten season with 20-30 kittens/cats in foster care and 8 cats available for adoption. With so many kittens, the shelter is backed up on spay/neuter appointments at the APL.
  - b. To assist in adoption efforts, the board may post pictures of the adoptable cats at our booth during the Spooky Pooch parade.
  - c. During September, 4 tickets were written for dog bites (not serious bites). There have been 2 to 3 potential nuisance dogs and 2 dangerous dogs classified since the new laws were put in place in 2018. There have been no dogs classified as vicious in the city since then.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**V. 2019 Committees/Working Groups Plan Updates**

- a. 2019 Plan (Shaughnessy)
  - i. The board is monitoring the original plan.
- a. Wildlife Education & Outreach (Shaughnessy)
  - i. No update.
- c. Dog Ordinances (Shaughnessy)
  - i. To be discussed in social media post update.
- d. Spay and Neuter Education and Outreach (Binder)
  - i. Boardmember Binder has set up the Foster Pool building to receive dog owners.

- ii. One cancellation was made on Monday, but the slot may be filled by another resident on the waitlist. Boardmember Binder will text a reminder for appointments on Wednesday night before the event.
- e. Community Events (McDonnell)
  - i. The Spooky Pooch Parade on October 19th requires volunteers to meet at 11:30 a.m. The board is sharing a table (booth #2) with the city between 12:30-3:30 p.m.
  - ii. Boardmember McDonnell will bring the table banner, prize wheel, tent, and dog treats, dog toys. Six-foot leashes and dog waste bag dispensers were purchased by the City to use as prizes. Additional leashes are being provided to Animal Control to replace citizens' retractable leashes, as needed. Materials to promote dog license registration and coyote safety were printed by the City and provided to LASWAB for the booth.
- f. Dog Bite Prevention Education (Shaughnessy)
  - i. Board Chair Shaughnessy purchased 3 books about dog bite prevention to be donated on behalf of the board to Lakewood Library. Acquiring dog bite prevention coloring books for Safety Town will be a goal of the board for 2020.
- g. Communications (Russell)
  - i. Not present, deferred.

## VI. Communications

- a. October
  - i. Dogs at Large/Registration/ID: motion made to submit post; motion seconded; motion passes. Board Chair Shaughnessy to contact the county to get additional licensing postcards at the request of Councilmember David Anderson.
  - ii. Halloween Safety: motion made to submit post; motion seconded; motion passes.
- b. November
  - i. Ordinance - ACO Hearn recommends a post about tethering laws – Board Chair Shaughnessy
  - ii. Board Secretary Christescu suggests advertising the adoptable cats at the shelter and recruiting foster families.
- c. December
  - i. Ordinance - registering dogs for 2020 - Board Chair Shaughnessy
  - ii. Holiday safety – Boardmember Petro

## VII. No public comment.

Motion is made to adjourn; motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.